Assets of IPCL

*135 SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) when the assets of IPCL were revaluated;

(b) the revaluated asset value of IPCL; and

(c) the approximate replacement cost of IPCL at present?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) The company.has, till date, not revaluated its fixed assets.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) The process of assessment of the replacement cost of fixed assets of IPCL has started and not yet been completed.

Improvements in PDS

*136. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to help States improve the PDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure ^expansion of PDS to those below the poverty line; and

(d) what is the position of off-take of foodgrains during the last five financial years?